

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3 as follows:

As shown in Figure ~~5~~4, the broadcast/answer module 12 has a broadcast unit 48 and an answering unit 46. The broadcast unit 48 is operable to transmit resource requests to the network. The answering unit 46 includes information about the station's self-assessment of its performance if it takes on the task and some basic station-based information such as CPU power, benchmark, free memory, total memory, current load of the machine, etc. Before answering any service requirements, security has to be checked to keep intruders away. Also, it has to check resources inside itself to make sure it can take on the task.